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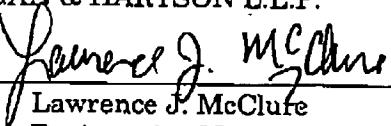
In the Office Action dated November 27, 2006, claims 1-4, 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application No. 10/799,243 (Ishizaka). The present application and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/799,243 (Ishizaka) were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, either owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to TDK Corporation.

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